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DRAFT SUGGESTED LETTER TO MR. GURNEY



Dear Mr. Gurney,

I am somewhat hurt at the completely false statements that have been put in circulation concerning my relations to the affairs of your brother Ivor Gurney and originating I am afraid with your sister. Your sister seems to be under the impression that I am withholding large sums of money due to her and to you representing fees for performing rights and royalties on recordings of his works.

I am the Administrator appointed by the Court to deal with your brother Ivor's affairs and I have done nothing with them except to nurse and strengthen his position without remuneration of any kind and at personal financial loss. I would only remind her that not once during the fifteen years your brother was in the mental home did she visit him or show the slightest interest in him or his work and it would seem that the interest has only awakened because she has heard that I have been receiving certain fees and royalties in connection with the performance of his works.

put on foot for perpetuating your brother's work. Owing to her death the copyright in the work belongs to your Mother's next-of-kin. I am not, however, fully aware of who were your Mother's next-of-kin. Beyond you and your sister did she have any other children who died in her lifetime leaving issue living at her death? If so I should like to have full particulars. If, however, on full consideration the next-of-kin are willing that I should proceed with the plan I have in mind I am willing to let the payment of my own debt stand over for a further period otherwise it may be some years before we have sufficient accumulations in hand to enable us to meet the expenses of my further publication. Will you please think the position over and let me know your and your sister's wishes in the matter.

Yours